

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-14. (cancelled)

15. (new) An article of furniture having a substantially planar frame capable of supporting a mattress, wherein the planar frame is made up of a first and a second sub-frame,

the first sub-frame having a first and a second outer longitudinal tube, at least three first telescopic transverse members fixedly attached to the pair of outer longitudinal tubes, one end of each first telescopic transverse member being attached to the first outer longitudinal tube and the other end of each first telescopic transverse member being attached to the second outer longitudinal tube,

the first sub-frame having attachment means for the attachment of at least a pair of legs and having socket means adapted to receive frame members which extend out of the plane of the first sub-frame,

the second sub-frame having a first and a second inner longitudinal member, each being capable of telescoping within the said outer longitudinal tubes, and a plurality of second telescopic transverse members slidably attached to the pair of

inner longitudinal members, one end of each second telescopic transverse member being attached to the first inner longitudinal tube and the other end of each second telescopic transverse member being attached to the second inner longitudinal tube,

the second sub-frame also having attachment means for the attachment of at least a pair of legs and having socket means adapted to receive frame members which extend out of the plane of the second sub-frame,

whereby in one embodiment the article of furniture can be configured as a bed, and in another embodiment can be configured as a chair.

16. (new) An article of furniture as claimed in claim 15, wherein a flexible linkage is connected to adjacent second telescopic transverse members to link the adjacent second telescopic transverse members of the second sub-frame and the flexible linkage is adapted to limit the maximum spacing between the adjacent second telescopic transverse members to ensure that the article of furniture remains capable of supporting a mattress even when the planar frame is fully extended longitudinally.

17. (new) An article of furniture as claimed in claim 15, wherein the article of furniture includes a locking means which is adapted to lock at least one inner longitudinal tube relative to a mating outer longitudinal tube.

18. (new) An article of furniture as claimed in claim 15, wherein the article of furniture includes a locking means

which is adapted to lock at least one telescopic transverse member to prevent extension or retraction of the telescopic transverse member.

19. (new) An article of furniture as claimed in claim 15, wherein the article of furniture includes a mattress which is adjustable in size.

20. (new) An article of furniture as claimed in claim 19, wherein the mattress is of modular construction such that sections of the mattress can be added or removed as required.

21. (new) An article of furniture as claimed in claim 20, wherein a mattress cover is provided which can accommodate the largest anticipated size of the mattress, and portions of the cover can be folded away when the size of the mattress is reduced.

22. (new) An article of furniture as claimed in claim 20, wherein the mattress is a foam type mattress having interlocking sections on the edges of the mattress sections.

23. (new) An article of furniture as claimed in claim 21, wherein the cover is adapted to prevent slippage and any unevenness between modular sections of the mattress.

24. (new) An article of furniture as claimed in claim 19, wherein the mattress is a water mattress with compartments which can be filled as required to increase the size of the mattress.

25. (new) An article of furniture as claimed in claim 19, wherein the mattress is an air mattress, the size of which can be adjusted by inflating additional compartments.

26. (new) An article of furniture as claimed in claim 15, wherein frame members which can extend out of the plane of the first and second sub-frames are provided, the frame members being selected from the group including headboards, sideboards, armrests, and platform members, the frame members being adapted to convert the article of furniture from one item of furniture into another.